

**MEETING OF THE
LAFAYETTE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
4:00pm
August 24, 2009**

The Lafayette Park and Recreation Board convened in regular meeting, August 24, 2009 at 4:00 pm at the Rush Pavilion.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Dawn Patterson, acting in the absence of President Maurie Denney. In attendance were members Victor Klinker and David Mecklenburg. Also in attendance were Secretary/Attorney, Joseph T. Bumbleburg and Superintendent, Ted Bumbleburg. Guests were Tom Mills and City Controller Mike Jones. Staff in attendance were Jon Miner, Andrew Baumgartner, Clay Finney, Cyndi Bodin, Lindsey Huffman, John Cornell, and Claudine Laufman.

The minutes of the August 10, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

The claims docket was presented. Upon motion by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Klinker and unanimously carried, \$61,615.31 in claims were approved as shown on the docket.

Deviating from the agenda, the chair requested Mr. Thomas Mills to make a presentation. Mr. Mills presented his brief request for a family support center. He is interested in collaboration with the Park Department where the Park Department would let him place as many as three (3) inflatable buildings on Park Department land. He is currently involved in Indiana Youth Basketball League, which is a program of approximately 170 teams. He also conducts Blue Chip softball, baseball and soccer. These teams have significant impact on the hotel use and restaurant use when they are in town. They currently occupy a site in West Lafayette off of Klondike Road. He is preferring a location on the east side of the Wabash River for better cost management. He presented exhibit "A", which is flyer on the Family Sports Center, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. His theory is to place air structures, see exhibit "B" for examples, on park land. Principally, he is interested in using Lyboubt Park where there is still a foundation from a many year old tennis dome.

Under questioning by Mr. Mecklenburg and others of the Board, he advised that he is giving up his West Lafayette facility. He would not be running two facilities. He was asked if he had a business plan. No plan was presented to the Board. He believed however that these facilities would likely only break even. Under further questions by Mr. Mecklenburg, he answered that the buildings would be 120x208 feet. That would match the foundation that's at Lyboubt now, but much work would have to be done in regard to legal descriptions to develop what buildable area is available. There is a question about utility service also involved in this matter. He only wants to use the land. Lyboubt Park may be the only space in the Park system that is big enough. Under questions he advised that concessions would go to the operator. By consent the Board took the matter under advisement. The Board explained to Mr. Mills the need of a business plan and requested the to study the infrastructure more fully.

The Superintendent then reported that the joint Park Board meeting at Ross Park would begin with lunch at 1:00pm. A discussion would begin at 2:00pm on the 22nd day of September, 2009.

He also advised that the storm water meeting will be from 11:00am-12:00pm at City Hall on the 24th day of September, 2009.

The Superintendent advised that Legion Post 11 contributed and the Superintendent received for transmittal to the Foundation, \$200.00 for the Wall of Fame in Loeb Stadium and \$1000.00 for the Harry Bradway Fund.

The Superintendent advised that 80 people played in the Boogie Golf Tournament and that his staff did a great job.

The Superintendent advised that the Animal Holding Building Dedication would be on September 10, 2009 at 3:00 at the Zoo.

The Superintendent presented a plaque to the Board from the Kroozers Car Club for the Board's role in the Car Show previously held that day.

The Superintendent advised that the senior citizens sponsored a craft show which produced approximately \$115.00 for the Columbian Park Lagoon project.

Controller Jones was present and presented a financial report and explained it to the Board. The report is held in the permanent files of the office. Mr. Jones indicated that while the year was not the greatest, that we were stable. That costs had been retained in a satisfactory manner. He also suggested that it would be appropriate for the Board to entertain a request for an improvement fund at McAllister Center.

The Superintendent further reported that there will be Labor Day festivities on September 5, 2009 and that the Boys Club Duck race would also be held.

The Superintendent presented to the Board a resolution to declare surplus an old and unsuitable sound amplifier. The Board, after discussion, upon unanimous vote, declared the matter surplus.

There were no communications from the Board and no communications from the public. Communications from staff were given by Cyndi Bodin who indicated that there will be a hike with the dogs from 6:00-8:00 on Wednesday, September 26, 2009 and that on Saturday after that, there would be a dog park day for the dogs from 10:00-1:00. That there would be cooperation from the friends downtown and their mum sale which would start and be conducted from Wabash Landing. There were questions directed to the Superintendent concerning the charges for the use of the Cove, to which he responded.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned.

Joseph T. Bumbleburg, Secretary